

1900-015 Chancery Causes: Bird Dew & Hale] vs. Harvey Steele & wife &  
Lee Co.

Bledsoe, Robinett, Glass, Orr

CA-Debt

T-Property



To the Hon W. T. Miller,

Judge of the Circuit Court of Lee Co. Va.

Your orator, Bird, Dew, & Hale, a corporation  
humbly complaining would shew unto  
your honor that it had a debt due to it  
jointly by Henry Stule, Landen C. Robin-  
nett & Evan Bledsoe for \$168<sup>16</sup>/<sub>100</sub> with  
interest from Feb. 18, 1846; that it  
brought suit at law in the circuit  
court for Lee County against said por-  
ties and obtained judgment against  
said Robinnett & Bledsoe at the Nov 1846  
term of said court on said debt, but  
procure in said cause not having them  
been served on said Stule, the cause  
was remanded to rules as to him &  
was there matured; & a judgment  
taken against him at the Mar. 1847  
term. Your orator files as "Ex 1" & "Ex 2"  
respectively certified copies of said judg-  
ments, which it prays may be read as  
a part hereof. The costs at law were \$12<sup>49</sup>/<sub>100</sub>.  
No part of said debt, interest or costs



has not been paid to your orator  
by any one of said defendants or by  
any other person for them, but the  
whole thereof is still unpaid, just  
due & payable - The said Horsey Steele  
was the principal in said debt & the  
said Robinett & Bledson were his sureties.

A short time prior to the rendition  
of said judgments the said Horsey  
Steele owned a tract of land in this  
county which he sold & he & his wife convey-  
ed to one J. P. Glass, who in part payment  
therefor executed certain notes ~~for said~~  
which at the direction of said Steele  
were made payable to Ruthy Steele,  
his wife, and recently the said ~~Ruthy~~  
Horsey Steele, in the name of his said  
wife, sent said Glass before a Justice  
of said county & obtained a judgment  
on one of said notes, the amount thereof  
being a little over \$40<sup>00</sup> - Your orator  
will file as "Ex 3" a certified copy of  
said judgment as a part of this bill.  
Your orator alleges & charges that the



making of said note payable to said Ruthy Stule was done with the intent to hinder delay & defraud the creditors of said Horvy Stule, including your orator; that the said note was really the property of said Horvy Stule, & the judgment thereon is likewise the property of said Horvy Stule - No part of the said judgment has ever been paid by said Glen, but it is all now due & payable to said Ruthy Stule for the benefit of said Horvy Stule - The said Horvy Stule & wife are not residents of this state & the said Glen is a resident of this state & county.

Wherefore being without remedy save in a court of equity, the prayer of your orator is that Horvy Stule, Ruthy Stule, his wife, Landen C. Robinson, Evan Blodson & J.P. Glen be made parties defendant unto the required to answer this bill, but not on oath, as that is waived, & that your honor ~~deem~~ that attachment may issue against the estate of the defendant Horvy Stule, & that your honor deem that J.P. Glen be required



Plaintiffs costs

Clerk 10.51  
 Tax 1.50  
 Shuff 1.50  
 Printer 5.00  
 atty 5.00  
\$33.51

Clerk's Costs at law in case

Purchase Case \$8.10  
 Judge as Recd 8.22  
 1.94  
18.26  
 10.51  
 1.50  
\$30.26

Bind, Draw & Hole

vs Original Piece

Norway Steel et al

1899 1st Sept rules bill filed  
 Spa 4 executed on home  
 Defs O.P. for non-residents  
 D. N. alias Spa.  
 " 2nd Sept rules D. N. Confd  
 & Cause set for hearing  
 1st Oct Spa (alias)  
 executed & D. N.  
 2nd Oct R. D. N. Confd  
 & Cause set for hear-  
 ing  
 1900 1st Jan'y rules O.P. & Confd  
 " 2nd Jan'y rules Confd.  
 " 1st Feb'y rules O.P. Confd  
 & Cause set for hearing

to pay to your master the amount of  
 the judgment obtained against him  
 in the name of Hestley Steel, & for  
 such other, further & several relief  
 as to equity may seem meet & the  
 nature of this cause may require  
 your master soon pays 12  
 Dr. H. Hestley Steel

pay



The separate answer of J. P. Glass to a bill filed in the Circuit Court of Lee County Va. by Bird Dew and Dale <sup>a corporation</sup> against this respondent and others. For answer thereto or so much thereof as this respondent is advised it is material or necessary that he should answer, answering he says it is true that he purchased from Harvey Steel a tract of land in this county on Black water, containing            Acres more or less for the sum of \$            and that he paid the purchase money for said land to the said Harvey Steel except the sum of \$100.00, and the said Harvey Steel & his wife conveyed to your respondent the said tract of land, and when your respondent executed his note for the said \$100.00, the balance of purchase money for said land the said Harvey Steel requested him to execute the said note to L. R. Steele the wife of Harvey, and gave some reasons for thus wanting it so executed, On this \$100.00 your respondent has since paid to Harvey Steel the amount of the two credits endorsed on "Ex 3" with plaintiffs bill and he owes the amount of the Justices Judgment "Ex 3," subject to said credits, and is willing to pay the same



to whomsoever your honor may direct.  
And now having fully answered he prays  
to be hence dismissed with his costs.

On & Buckenhop for debt.

Bind Deu v Dale

vs And of Glass.

James Steele et al.

Filed Mar 14<sup>th</sup> 1900.

A J Murrey Clerk



Bird Deu and Hall, a corporation. Plff

against  
Harney Steele & als.

Defts

In chancery.

This cause came on <sup>& exhibits therein with</sup> this day to be heard upon the bill of the plaintiff, the process and attachment endorsed thereon, executed on the home defendants, and the order of publication made, posted and published against the non-resident defendants Harney Steele & Ruthy Steele his wife, and the cause regularly matured at rules and set for hearing <sup>the answer of the defendant J. P. Glass</sup> against all of the defendants, and was argued by counsel. On consideration thereof and said defendants failing to appear, except the said Glass, the bill is taken for confessed against them, and it is adjudged, ordered and decreed that the plaintiff recover against the defendants Harney Steele, Evan Blessee, and London B. Robinson <sup>\$80.65 -</sup> ~~\$46.84~~ with interest <sup>an \$81.66 paid thereoff</sup> ~~thereon~~ from the 18th day of February 1896 until paid, and the costs of this suit, and that the said plaintiff recover against the defendant J. P. Glass <sup>\$100.00</sup> ~~\$100.00~~ with interest <sup>an \$100.00 paid thereoff</sup> ~~thereon~~ from the 1st day of December 1896, until paid, subject to a credit of \$50.00 Decr 12<sup>th</sup> 1896 and \$8.29 Nov 1st 1898, and for which execution may issue, and when paid by said Glass he will be entitled to a credit therefor on settlement



Harvey

with said Harvey Steele and wife, and the same when so paid will be a credit to said Steele on the foregoing recovery in favor of the plaintiff against said Steele, Bledsoe and Rahinett. And nothing further remaining to be done in the cause here, the same is ordered to be stricken from the docket.

Best Deu and Hale  
vs  $\frac{1}{2}$  Decree Final

Harvey Steele & others.

Entered on bky O.B.  
Nov 6 Page 370.

Enter this decree.

H. A. W. Sherr

Nov 14th 1900.



Bird Dem and Hale, <sup>a Corporation,</sup> Plaintiffs  
against  
Samuel Steele & others Defendants } In Chancery.

On the calling of this cause, it appearing  
to the Court that process has not been served  
on, nor order of publication made against,  
the defendants Samuel Steele & Ruthy Steele  
his wife, It is ordered that the cause be  
remanded to rules to be matured against  
them.



Bird Dew + Hale

vs { Decree <sup>Remanding</sup>  
- to Rules

Harry Steele + als.

Entered on Chy  
O. B. Nov. 3/18

319.

Enter this decree.

H. C. W. Stuen

Nov 13<sup>th</sup> / 1899.



Bind, Dew & Hale (a corporation)

v.

Horsey Steele & als

Virginia Lee County Circuit,

I, A. B. Munsey, Clerk of the Circuit Court  
of Lee County, Va. certify that Jas W.  
Br. this day made oath before me in  
my county aforesaid that he is the  
attorney for the plaintiff in the foregoing  
attachment suit about to be instituted  
in said circuit court; that ~~the def~~  
the defendants Horsey Steele, Landen C.  
Robinet & Evan Bladson are jointly in-  
debted to the plaintiff in the sum of  
\$168<sup>10</sup>/<sub>100</sub> with interest from February 18  
1896 + \$12<sup>49</sup>/<sub>100</sub> costs at law, that the  
plaintiff's said claim is believed to be  
just and that officiant believes the  
plaintiff is entitled to recover said sum  
at the least, with interest & cost aforesaid,  
and that the defendants Horsey Steele  
& Ruthy Steele, his wife, are not residents  
of the state of Virginia, and that they  
have estate, or debts owing to them in  
said County of Lee. Given under my hand  
This August 22-1899 A. B. Munsey Clerk



Bird, Dew & Hale (accompanying)

vs. } affidavit

Harvey Steele et al.

Filed August 22<sup>nd</sup> 1899  
A. B. Munsey Clerk



Virginia

At a circuit Court continued and held for Lee County at the Court-house thereof on Friday Novr 6<sup>th</sup> 1896.

Plff's Costs

C 4.91  
S 1.00  
atly 2.50  
Co C 25  
\$8.66

Bird, Dew & Hale a Corporation Plff.

vs

Lander to Robinett & Evan Bledsoe Defs.

Covenant

This day came the parties by their attorneys, and by consent of the parties; It is considered by the Court that the plaintiff recover against the defendants \$168.16 damages for the non-performance of the covenants in the declaration mentioned, with legal interest thereon from the 18<sup>th</sup> day February 1896, until paid and the costs. And the defendant Harvey Steele not having been served with process the cause is remanded to rules to be there matured as to him if the plaintiff is so advised.

A Copy

Teste: A.B. Munsey Clerk



Bird Dew + Hale  
or } Copy of Judgment  
Evan Bledsoe et als

"Exhibit No 1"

Clerk 25



Virginia

At a circuit Court Court continued and held for Lee County at the Court-house thereof on Wednesday March the 10<sup>th</sup> 1897.

Bird Dew & Hale (a Corporation) Plffs  
vs

Plffs Costs  
C 6.99  
S 1.50  
Co. C 50  
Tax 1.00  
atty 2.50  
\$12.49

Harvey Steele, Evan, Bledsoe  
and Landon to Robinett Defts

In  
Covenant

The defendant Harvey Steele not appearing after being duly summoned; It is considered by the Court that the judgment obtained in the Clerk's office in favor of the plaintiff against the said defendant for the sum of (\$168.16) One hundred and sixty eight dollars & sixteen cents for the non-performance of the covenants in the declaration mentioned, and legal interest thereon from the 18<sup>th</sup> day of February 1896. until paid, and the costs be made final.

A Copy

Teste: A. B. Mursey Clerk



Bird Dew + Hale  
of Copy of Judgment  
Harvey Steele

Exhibit No 2

Clerk 25



Virginia, Lee County, to-wit:

To W. J. Candler Constable of said County:

I Hereby Command You to Summon J. P. Starr

if to be found in your District, to appear at my office  
in said County, on the 19 day of August 1899, before me or such  
other Justice of said County as may then be there to try this Warrant, to answer the complaint of  
L. R. Steel and upon a claim for money not  
exceeding \$100.00, exclusive of interest, to wit: for the sum of \$ 100.00, due by  
date. And then and there make return of this Warrant. Given  
under my hand the 11<sup>th</sup> day of August 1899.

E. S. R. Robbette J. P.

L. R. Steel  
Against

On the 18 day of August 1899.

In debt.

At Blackwater, in said County.

JUDGMENT, That the Plaintiff recover of the Defendant \$ 100.00  
with interest thereon from the 1<sup>st</sup> day of Dec 1896, till paid.  
and \$ 100 for costs.

E. S. R. Robbette J. P.

VIRGINIA--Lee County to wit:

To \_\_\_\_\_ of said County:

I COMMAND YOU, in the name of the Commonwealth of Virginia, that of the goods and chattels of \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_, in your county, you cause to be  
made the sum of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ with interest thereon from the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_,  
189\_\_\_\_\_, till paid, which \_\_\_\_\_ has recovered before me in a  
Warrant in Debt, and also the sum of \$ \_\_\_\_\_, which were adjudged to said \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ for costs in prosecuting this Warrant.

Given under my hand the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 189\_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_, J. P.



The Within Judgement is subject to  
the following credits To wit  
Dec the 12<sup>th</sup> 1896 \$50.00  
Nov the 1<sup>st</sup> 1898 \$ 8.29

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Execution is stayed 90 days from  
the 19<sup>th</sup> day of August 1899 with  
J. W. Shaw as surety  
E. A. Robinson J. R.

J. W. Shaw  
J. W. Shaw  
Beautiful article  
day of August 1899  
I have for the  
the day of Aug 1899  
W. G. Shaw etc.

Ex B

copy



In the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of the County of  
Lee on the 1st day of January <sup>1900</sup>~~189~~.

Bird Dew & Hale, a Corporation Plaintiff  
against

Harvey Steele et al Defendant

The object of this suit is to attach and subject to the payment of  
the judgment of the plaintiffs in the bill mentioned the  
sum alleged to be due from J. P. Glass to the said  
Harvey Steele

And an affidavit having been made and filed that the defendant Harvey Steele and  
Ruthy Steele his wife

<sup>is a</sup><sub>are</sub> not residents of the State of Virginia, it is ordered that they do appear here within fifteen days  
after due publication hereof, and do what may be necessary to protect their interest in this suit. And  
it is further ordered that a copy hereof, be published once a week for four weeks in the South-West  
Virginian, and that a copy be posted at the front door of the court-house of this  
on the first day of the next term of the Circuit Court.

A copy—Teste:

Arr. & Blankenship p. q.

A. B. Munsey Clerk.



Bird Dew + Hale

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ORDER OF  
PUBLICATION.

Harvey Steele et al



In the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of the County of  
*Lee* on the *1st* day of *January* *1900* ~~1899~~.

*Bird Dew & Hale A Corporation* Plaintiff  
against

*In Chancery*

*Harvey Steele et als* Defendant

The object of this suit is to *attach and subject to the payment of the*  
*Judgment of the plaintiffs in the bill mentioned the sum*  
*alleged to be due from J. P. Glass to the Defendant Harvey*  
*Steele*

And an affidavit having been made and filed that the defendants *Harvey Steele and*  
*Ruth Steele* are  
not residents of the State of Virginia, it is ordered that *they* do appear here within *fifteen* days  
after due publication hereof, and do what may be necessary to protect *their* interest in this suit. And  
it is further ordered that a copy hereof, be published once a week for four weeks in the *South-West*  
*Virginian*, and that a copy be posted at the front door of the court-house of this *County*  
on the first day of the next term of the *County* ~~Circuit~~ Court.

A copy—Teste:

*Orv & Blankenship* p. q.

*A. B. Munsey* Clerk.



Bird Dew &amp; Hale

vs. }

ORDER OF  
PUBLICATION.

Harvey Steele et als

Virginia Lee County ~~West~~  
 I A. B. Munsey Clerk of  
 the Circuit Court for Lee  
 County do hereby Certify  
 that, I posted a copy of  
 the within order of Pub-  
 lication, at the front  
 door of the Court house  
~~of Lee County~~ on the  
 first day of the January  
 term of County Court  
 1900. Given under my  
 hand this the 3<sup>rd</sup> of March  
 1900.

A. B. Munsey  
 Clerk



The Commonwealth of Virginia,

To the Sheriff of the County of Lee---Greeting:

WE COMMAND YOU THAT YOU SUMMON *Harvey Steele, Ruthy Steele his wife*  
*Evan Bledsoe, Landon L Robinett and J. P. Glass*

to appear at the Clerk's office of the Circuit Court of the County of Lee at the court-house thereof, at the Rules to be hold-  
den for said Court, on the *1st* Monday in *September*, 189*9*, to answer a  
bill in chancery, exhibited against *them* in our Court by  
*Bird Dew & Hale a Corporation*

And have then there  
this writ. Witness, A. B. MUNSEY, Clerk of our said Court, at the court-house, the *22nd* day of  
*August* 189*9*, and in the 12 *4th* year of the Commonwealth.

*A. B. Munsey* Clerk.

A copy—Teste: \_\_\_\_\_ Clerk.



The proper affidavit having been made and filed it is ordered that the officer executing the within process do attach the debt due and owing by the defendant J. P. Glass to the debtors Harvey Steele and Ruthy Steele his wife, and also any other estate of the said Steele & wife, ~~or~~ Harvey Steele and the sum the same may be attached so to secure and provide that order of the court be forthcoming and liable to the future given under my hand this the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of August 1899

A Copy Teste: A. B. Murrey Clerk. A. B. Murrey Clerk.

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Bird Dew & Hale  
VS. { SUBPOENA  
IN CHANCERY.

Harvey Steele et. als  
Ors & Blankenship p. q.

To 1<sup>st</sup> Sept. Rules.  
CIRCUIT COURT.

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Executed by delivering  
an office copy of the within  
recognition and attachment  
order endorsed thereon  
to J. P. Glass Aug 22-99  
at 3.30 o'clock P. M. &  
to Evan Bledsoe on  
same day both in  
Lee County Va. Given  
under my hand this  
Aug 22-99.

J. P. Ely D. S.  
for M. J. Mulchand  
S. L. L.



The Commonwealth of Virginia,

To the Sheriff of the County of Lee---Greeting:

<sup>again</sup>  
WE COMMAND YOU THAT YOU SUMMON Harvey Steele, Ruthy Steele his  
wife, Evan Bledsoe, Landon L Robinett  
and J. P. Glass

to appear at the Clerk's office of the Circuit Court of the County of Lee at the court-house thereof, at the Rules to be holden for said Court. on the 1st Monday in October, 1899, to answer a bill in chancery, exhibited against them in our Court by Bird Sew. Hale a Corporation

And have then there this writ. Witness, A. B. MUNSEY, Clerk of our said Court, at the court-house, the 19th day of September 1899, and in the 124<sup>th</sup> year of the Commonwealth.

A. B. Munsey Clerk.

A copy—Teste: \_\_\_\_\_ Clerk.



Bird Dew & Hale

VS. { SUBPOENA  
IN CHANCERY.

Harvey Steele et al

Or. & B p. 9.

To 1st Oct Rules.

CIRCUIT COURT.

Granted Sept 30<sup>th</sup> 1899  
by delivering an attested  
office copy of the within  
Spa in Chy to L. C. Rob-  
inett.

R. G. Gineavy Dept  
for W. J. Muleham S. L. C.

the proper affidavit having been made and filed,  
it is ordered that the officer executing the within  
process attach the debt due and owing by the de-  
fendant J. P. Hale to the defendant Harvey Steele  
and Ruthy Steele his wife, and also any other  
estate of the said Steele wife or Harvey Steele and  
the same in his hands be attached so to secure and  
provide that the same be forthcoming and liable  
to the future order of the court.  
Given under my hand this 19<sup>th</sup> day of Sept 1899

W. B. Mearns Clerk



The Commonwealth of Virginia,

To the Sheriff of the County of Lee---Greeting:

WE COMMAND YOU THAT YOU SUMMON *Harvey Steele, Ruthy Steele his wife*  
*Evan Bledsoe, Landon L Robinett and J. P. Glass*

to appear at the Clerk's office of the Circuit Court of the County of Lee at the court-house thereof, at the Rules to be holden for said Court, on the *1st* Monday in *September*, 189*9*, to answer a bill in chancery, exhibited against *them* in our Court by

*Bird Dew & Hale a Corporation*

And have then there this writ. Witness, A. B. MUNSEY, Clerk of our said Court, at the court-house, the *22nd* day of *August* 189*9*, and in the 12 *4th* year of the Commonwealth.

*A. B. Munsey* Clerk.

A copy—Teste: \_\_\_\_\_ Clerk.



Bird Dew & Hale

VS. { SUBPOENA  
IN CHANCERY.

Harvey Steele et als

Ort & Blankenship p.g.

To 1st Sept. Rules.

CIRCUIT COURT.

Not executed for want  
of time this the 19th  
day of Sept 1899.  
R. J. Lively, Dept  
for W. J. Muleham S.C.

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The proper affidavit having been made and filed it is  
ordered that the officer executing the within process do  
attach the debt due and owing by the defendant J. P. Glass  
to the defendants Harvey Steele and Ruth Steele his wife, and  
also any other estate of the said Steele wife, or Harvey Steele  
and the same in his hands be attached so to become and  
provide that the same be forthcoming and liable to the  
future order of the Court.  
Given under my hand this the 22nd day of August 1899.  
A. J. Murney Clerk



**CERTIFICATE OF  
ORDER OF PUBLICATION.**

I, A. M. Goins, Editor of the **SOUTH-  
WEST VIRGINIAN**, a weekly newspa-  
per published at Jonesville, Lee County,  
Va., do hereby certify that the annex-  
ed notice was published in said paper  
once a week for four successive weeks,  
commencing on the 4<sup>th</sup> day of

January, 1900.

A. M. Goins EDITOR.

FEE, \$5.00

**Order Of Publication.**

**VIRGINIA**—In the Clerk's Office of  
the Circuit Court of the County of  
Lee on the 1st day of January, 1900:

BIRD, DEW & HALE, a corporation, Plff.  
against

HARVEY STEELE et als, Defendants.

**IN CHANCERY.**

The object of this suit is to attach and  
subject to the payment of the Judgment  
of the plaintiffs in the bill mentioned the  
sum alleged to be due from J. P. Glass to  
the Defendant Harvey Steele.

And an affidavit having been made and  
filed that the defendants Harvey Steele  
and Ruthy Steele are not residents of the  
State of Virginia, it is ordered that they  
do appear here within fifteen days after  
due publication hereof, and do what may  
be necessary to protect their interest in  
this suit. And it is further ordered that a  
copy hereof, be published once a week for  
four weeks in the Southwest Virginian,  
and that a copy be posted at the front door  
of the court house of this County on the  
first day of the next term of the County  
Court.

A copy—Teste:

A. B. MUNSEY, Clerk.

Orr & Blankenship, p. q'      Jan 4 wks.



ORDER OF PUBLICATION.

Bird, Dew & Hale.

VS.

IN CHANCERY.

Harvey Steele et als.

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FEE \$ 5-00